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KY. NORMAL COLLEGE.

The Highly Satisfactory Work Being Done by This School.

Since we last mentioned the subject, several pupils from other counties have entered Kentucky Normal College at Louisa, and a great many more have signified their intention of coming by the first of January. The work is going along in the most satisfactory manner. The pupils are working as many of them never worked before, and this means that they are learning as they never learned before. There is no place in this school for the sluggard. All such must reform and go to work or get out. Prof. Byington is recognized here and throughout Eastern Kentucky as a remarkable instructor and disciplinarian. His school is just about the busiest place to be found anywhere. Promptness and thoroughness are two strong characteristics. The children who are taught in his school learn not only what is in the text books, but form strong habits of industry and have their executive powers developed. They learn to take hold and do things.

Parents who really want their children to acquire an education know that the knowledge can only come through the work of the children themselves. Very few pupils like the work well enough to pursue it diligently without the discipline and guidance that may be had only in a good school. There is not a better school anywhere for permanent results than the Kentucky Normal College. Louisa is proud of the school. Prof. Byington and his efficient teachers are meeting all expectations. The faculty and accommodations will be added to as rapidly as the increased attendance demands.

Prof. Byington has the support and co-operation of the citizens and business men of Louisa without exception, and his popularity throughout the upper Valley where he has labored so long and successfully is indeed enviable. His long and honorable career has established for him a reputation that can not be damaged by the most dastardly persecution that could be planned. The reaction from all such efforts will fall heavily upon the instigators and their community.

There is no nicer town than Louisa to attend school in. The youth of both sexes will find Louisa and Kentucky Normal College the best combination possible. Girls and boys, young men and young ladies, teachers and those aspiring to enter examinations, come to Louisa and you will receive a welcome from every body and kind attention on all sides during your stay with us. We heard a pupil say recently that he had been treated more cordially in Louisa than anywhere he had been.

The people of Louisa are not only inclined that way toward worthy people who come into their midst, but they appreciate the school and are determined to make it reach the highest possible success.

Zimmerman's Coal Railroad.

A dispatch from Sargeant, Ky., says that Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, Senator J. N. Camden, of Parkersburg, W. Va.; John C. C. Mayo, of Paintsville, J. W. M. Stewart, of Ashland, and B. F. Johnson, of Pikeville, are considering a route for the proposed coal railroad, 40 miles long, from their coal lands in the Elkhorn and Boone creek coal fields of Letcher county to a connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway's Big Sandy extension. It is further stated that these gentlemen, who are now examining the coal property, will have a survey made at once, construction to begin immediately after the engineers have completed their work.

Vinson Family Reunion.

On Thanksgiving day there was held a family reunion of the Vinsons, at the old Vinson home, in Kellong, Congressman and Mrs. James A. Hughes and charming little daughters, Mary Elsie and Tudell, were there from Washington, D. C.; Hon. Z. T. Vinson, Mrs. Vinson and son, Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Lindsey Vinson, of Huntington; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Vinson, of Clay, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clarke, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Elizabeth Bromley, Mrs. Wilson A. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne K. Bromley, John Bromley, and other relatives were present.

The Passing of Mrs. Bert Shannon

"We know when moons shall wane,
When summer birds shall cross the sea,
When autumn hues shall tint the golden grain,
But who shall teach us when to look for thee?"

Yesterday loving friends followed Mrs. Bert Shannon's body to its last resting place in our beautiful City of the Dead. The passing of such a noble character deserves more than a brief notice. Young in years, she was ripe in the experience that comes and grows with such a life as hers. Daughter, sister, wife, and mother in all but natural tie to the son of her husband, this good woman, cut off when but twenty years had measured her span of life, filled to its full the duty imposed upon her. Ella Preston was the loving daughter of loving parents, the affectionate sister, the devoted wife, and when the cold earth hid her from the sight of the loving and the loved they surely felt the depth of a sorrow unfathomable and unutterable. She died last Monday night, after a brave fight against what we must yet believe to be the inevitable. Consumption early set its ominous seal upon her young body, and although medical skill, travel, nursing and all that the tenderest care could provide were used in her behalf she faded slowly, but surely. Two years ago one sister yielded to the White Plague, and now Henry and Nancy Preston mourn the untimely loss of another child from the same fell destroyer.

Death is never a welcome visitor. Sometimes we say, unknowingly, that death was hailed as a relief from suffering. Perhaps this was so, yet, to some poor soul, some heart-broken mortal, the coming of the Stead who rides in Death meant an infinite measure of sorrow—a boundless, fathomless sea of grief. It must have been so to the relatives of her who to-day sleeps on Pine Hill. Do you doubt it? No! One thought given to the vacant chair by your own friends, and you measure the grief of these stricken ones by the heart-throbs which say, "You, too, have loved and lost." But while the survivors mourn the loss of the daughter, the sister, the wife, she filled these places in beyond the touch of disease, the pangs of sorrow and all human ills. The painful struggle is over and "It is well with my soul."

Woods-Simpson.

A pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. A. Simpson Wednesday, Nov. 21, the contracting parties being their daughter, Maude S. to John Woods, of Hubbardstown. The bride was becomingly dressed in white muslin, carrying a beautiful bunch of bride's roses. The groom wore the conventional black. Miss Kirk, the bride's maid, and best man, Mr. Woods, brother of the groom, waited on them very becomingly, which befitted the occasion. The dinner was very delicious as it was prepared by the hospitable mother of the bride with assistance.

Those present were: Misses Emma and Ida Muncey, Ollie Vaughan, Olla Lemaster, Laura Kirk and Mae Pickrel, Messrs. Freeland Johnson, Will Woods and Geo. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. James Clayton, Mrs. Claude Vaughan. We wish them all the joy as they are a deserving young couple.

Shot Her Eye Out.

A daughter of Elijah Gartin, living near Blaine, lost an eye a few days ago as the result of carelessness on the part of some hunters. Two men from Lexington were hunting birds and a shot from one of their guns struck Miss Gartin in the eye. She was riding along the road at the time. The animal she was riding threw her immediately afterward and she was otherwise injured.

The friends in this city of Mrs. Hampton, wife of Rev. W. H. Hampton, of Ironton, will regret to learn of the accident which befel her on Saturday, last, when she fell over a box in front of a grocery store and fractured her shoulder.

Mrs. Hampton has been most unfortunate in the line of accidents, as it has been but six years since she fell down stairs and broke a number of bones, from which she has been crippled ever since.

DROWNED.

The Wife of Rev. Pangburn, of Buchanan, Ends Her Life.

On the night of November 23rd, one of the saddest incidents that has ever occurred in this neighborhood happened some time between eight and two o'clock. The wife of Rev. G. W. Pangburn, preacher in charge of Kavanagh Circuit M. E. Church South arose from her bed while her husband slept, and disappeared in the darkness, clad only in her night clothing. About two o'clock Brother Pangburn awoke and missed his wife. He immediately arose and made diligent search in and about the premises. Telling to find her he notified the neighbors and in a very short time they were out. Lanterns could be seen in all directions. All muddy and soft dirt was examined for bare-foot tracks. Great excitement prevailed. The grief of Brother Pangburn was indescribable. The sad means uttered by that good old man, will doubtless be remembered by the children when they are gray. His beloved wife was wandering in the gloom of night, he could tell of her going until she fell exhausted in some rugged, dismal place, there to chill, and die of the bitter cold.

About dawn a white object was discovered in the backwater of Bear Creek, just above some saw logs about 200 feet below the county bridge. The object was found to be the floating body of Sister Pangburn. It was carried to the parsonage, and the women neighbors cared for it.

For some time the grief of Brother Pangburn was so great that it seemed to all that he would not be able to stand the shock. Several times he fainted. At one time he was thought to be dead and some of his best friends advised that his body had better be straightened out.

A neat casket and beautiful white robe were procured by the first train. The only child, a son of 21, arrived from school at Barboursville later, only to find a mother cold in death. Friends from Ripley, Ohio, arrived next morning. A very touching service was held just before the body was conveyed to the train. The remains were taken to Ripley, Ohio, her former home, for burial.

Sister Pangburn was among us for about a year and a half. She was a very religious woman, kind and affectionate to all. She had been very sick for some days past and at times was delirious. It is generally believed that her life was ended while in one of these irrational periods.

She apparently fell or jumped off of either the county or railroad bridge, more probably the county bridge, as her foot print was found near the guard rail.

J. F. HATTEN,
Buchanan, Ky.

Held to Answer.

Thomas Young, charged with feloniously cutting and wounding Conductor William Fulton and brakeman Huffman on a train near Louisa on the evening of Nov. 17, was arraigned before Judge O'Brien last Saturday for examination of the two charges. Testimony in the case for cutting Huffman was heard, and the defendant was held to answer at the January term of the Circuit Court. The defense waived an examination of charge of cutting Fulton and bail was fixed at \$500 in each case. The bond was given and the prisoner discharged.

The Telephone.

The telephone people are working hard to complete the establishment of their system in this city. The line is strung every where, and the cutting in of the plans where boxes will be located is going on. All material and work employed seem to be strictly first-class and modern, and so far as can be learned the service rendered by the company will be of the best possible character.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. E. C. Jenks. The attendance was large. After the business meeting the members adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. S. Dickey next Wednesday.

Sam Jones, an employee at the Kitchen-Vassant lumber mill in Ashland, had most of his skull torn off Wednesday by a plank striking him on the head.

M. P. S. Meeting.

Boons Camp, Ky., Nov. 19.—Saturday, the 17th inst. was a great day for the Mules of this place.

Some time previous Branham Lodge M. P. S. 209, decided to have a barbecue and raise a flag, and invitations were sent out to the neighbor lodges and the public in general.

Although Saturday morning was very gloomy, the crowd began to arrive in great flocks very early, and Richmond lodge, and Trace fork lodge of Martin county, Moody, of Floyd, and Wells, Millers creek, Buffalo, and Bob's branch, of this county were represented.

By 10 o'clock a vast throng of people were on the ground and a procession was formed and went in march, with two mules on mules in the lead, followed by the marching hosts on foot, commanded by Rev. Jas. W. Mollett, and while the march was on a nice flag pole was reared on which was a bunch of cedar and a streamer bearing the inscription: "Branham Lodge No. 209 M. P. S."

When the marching hosts returned a beautiful flag was hoisted on the pole and when the flag reached the top, W. G. Wells made a speech of welcome which was cheered by all.

Rev. Jas. W. Mollett then led in prayer. The crowd then sang, led by Bro. Joe R. Ward, were invited to a very long table filled with the best grub, the people could procure the lodge having procured a fine beef, killed and cooked on the ground; the citizens and lodge members having supplied a vast amount of bread, potatoes, cakes, pies, etc. When they reached the table the ladies to the left side and the gentlemen to the right. Bro. Marion Castle returned thanks at one end of the table and Bro. Jas. W. Mollett at the other. The crowd then ate all they wished and there was plenty left.

Then then assembled again and speeches were made by Jas. W. Mollett, Richmond lodge, W. H. Cowling, Trace fork, Martin co., M. Bayes, Floyd co., S. W. Springs, Wells, E. Hayden, Miller's creek, Rev. Marion Castle and Jacob A. Wells, of Branham lodge.

Calls were then made for citizens who desired to speak, and M. L. K. Wells arose and made a fine talk touching on the flag and patriotism, and urged the people to teach their children patriotism and urged the necessity of the community standing together on question of right although they might personally disagree.

Calls were then made for W. A. Wells, who responded with a short pointed talk, touching on good government and the stars and stripes.

J. G. Wells then allowed his way through the crowd and layed off his overcoat and made a stirring speech on the theme of right and endurance the work of our order.

Bro. Joe R. Ward sang many songs to the delight of all closing with "God Be With You," in which the congregation joined, shaking hands.

Bro. Jas. W. Mollett then dismissed the crowd by pronouncing the benediction.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Paint creek was the highest known for ten years, during the recent rise.

Rev. W. J. C. C. of Lexington, the eloquent divine, is drawing large audiences to the Christian Church of Pikeville, by his matchless power. He is one of the deepest theologians and most accomplished scholars who has ever filled a pulpit here.

The Jail Committee viz: Judge John W. Ford, C. C. Bowles, and John F. Butler, met Mr. W. L. Landrum, of Mayfield, Graves county, at the Pike in Pikeville Monday night, to consider the matter of building a new jail or repairing and enlarging the old one.

Misses, of Paintsville, are raising funds to build a church on College street. Mrs. L. D. Cooper has been out only two afternoons soliciting funds, and in that time secured \$522.50. She is a popular lady and is thoroughly interested in church work. Eight hundred dollars has been secured toward the building of the parsonage for the M. E. Church, South.

Charley Vanhoose, of Chestnut creek, this county, was acquitted Friday, in Circuit Court of the charge of detaining a woman against her will. Vanhoose was brought here from Louisa, by J. J. Burton, of Lawrence county with whom Vanhoose has been lodging for some time. Jailor Burton took charge of Vanhoose and returned with him to Louisa Saturday morning.—Paintsville Herald.

Benjamin Burchett died at his home on Cow creek, Floyd county, Sunday, at the age of 70 years. He was stricken with paralysis a few days before his death, and on Saturday became unconscious. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death, for he was a good husband and father, and was well known in our town and community, and liked by all who ever knew him for his jolly, happy disposition and pleasant ways.

The Baptist Church, through Rev. Caudill, who is here to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rev. R. L. Baker, is negotiating with caney occasioned by the removal of his fine lot in College Addition on which is the large Elliott building. If the purchase is completed, the house will be moved to the rear of the lot for a parsonage, and a fine church built thereon, with a frontage on College street.

A good idea of the extent of the "yarn" trade of the Big Sandy Valley will be obtained by reading the following:

The Plain Dealman was agreeably surprised when he visited the large warehouses of McGuire, Greer and Co., dealers in crude botanic drugs, on last Wednesday. Within the past six months this firm has paid out over twenty thousand dollars for roots, herbs, furs, etc. Just recently they received a car load of mandrake from Portsmouth, and within the past year have handled about 75,000 pounds of lobelia and 60,000 pounds of saffron bark, and a quantity of other herbs, which are shipped to all parts of the world.

The question of a bridge across the river at Pikeville was warmly discussed.

Invitations received here announce the coming marriage of George F. Wroten, formerly of this city, to Miss Irene Nuella Hutson, of Savannah, Ga. The wedding will be a double one, a sister of the bride elect being married at the same time.

The NEWS extends congratulations in advance. We have heretofore spoken of George's success in a business way, and it was only natural to expect that he would win a worthy prize in a contest of this kind also.

The funeral service of Mrs. Bert Shannon was held at the Southern Methodist Church yesterday morning, conducted by her pastor, Rev. O. F. Williams. The attendance of relatives and friends was very large, all seeming deeply impressed by the touching solemnity of the sad occasion.

It Worked Smoothly, But...

Crawford Fugate was in jail in Huntington on Thanksgiving Day, but it was not because he intended or desired to observe the 29th in such a restricted way. Crawford is from Louisa, and it's dollars to doughnuts that he will continue to be from Louisa a good while. It was this way: A few days ago Frank Hedrick, of Killgore, accompanied by Fugate, went into a clothing store in Huntington and bought clothing to the amount of \$45. A fine overcoat was included in the purchase, size 35 or 36. After paying for the goods Hedrick told the clerk he would leave them with him until he sent for them, as he had some business to look after and didn't want to carry the bundle along. The men then left the store. Shortly afterward Fugate went back and told the clerk that his "brother" had sent him for his clothes, and that he had concluded to exchange the 35 overcoat for a 38, as they often wore each others clothing, and 35 was his (Fugate's) size.

This was plausible, and the slick manipulator said "good morning." Hedrick was astounded when he called for his \$45 worth of duds, but all he could do was to set the machinery of the law in motion. The thief's trail was an open one and the officer put on the case had no difficulty in tracing his man to Louisa. Here he was arrested by Marshal Stone and taken to Castlesburg. After some persuasion he agreed to return to Huntington without the formality of a requisition. He was brought before Justice Hutchinson, and in default of \$500 bail was sent to jail to await an examination which was to be held to-day.

YATESVILLE.

Nov. 27.—The weather has been very pleasant and farmers are almost done husking corn.

Several of the young folks of this place attended the candy party, given by Miss Edna Short, Saturday night and reported a nice time.

G. J. Carter has moved into his new house, which has just been completed.

Miss Lizzie Rice, of this place was visiting friends at Louisa Sunday.

The rabbits and quails are not scarce—peace, as the hunters are plentiful.

Misses Sadie Crank and Martha Short were visiting school friends week.

A. O. Carter and family, of Louisa, who have been visiting relatives at this place, returned home Sunday.

Misses Jennie and Anis Salters were visiting their brother, Jay Salters, Saturday and Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wash Rice, a fine boy.

Misses Susan and Side Crank and Martha Short, who have been visiting relatives at Walbridge for the past week, have returned home.

Misses Fannie Skeens and Bertha Austin were calling on friends at Louisa Sunday.

Miss Jessie Crank, of Huntington, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida Carter, last week.

Mrs. Conley, of Deephole, was thrown from her horse while passing through our village last week, but not seriously injured.

Milton Carter made a business trip to Charleston last week.

Thadus Ransom was in our midst Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spencer were visiting relatives at this place recently.

Milton Carter contemplates a visit to Parkersburg in the near future.

There will be church at this place the first Sunday in December, at 10:30 a. m. by Rev. York.

Ritchie.

Charter Wellman has recently sold to Lock Moore a part of his Lock avenue property. The part sold is that portion of the lot occupied by Wellman's storehouse, and the house will be moved onto the remaining part of the lot.

Col. J. H. Northup, of Louisa, Hon. Mordcai Williams, of Normal, and Co. W. A. Patton, of Castlesburg, are the delegates named to represent the Castlesburg Auxiliary of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association at the big meeting in Washington.

Monday night the first meeting of the "Vincent Veritas" Club met with Mrs. E. C. Jenks, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by its members. The Club meets with Mrs. C. M. Crutcher next Monday.